

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 816 without my signature.

This bill would require chemical manufacturers and importers to provide to the state the names and addresses of businesses to which they sell their products.

This bill is unnecessary and an invasion of privacy. Employers are currently required to notify their workers about health hazards and to provide a safe and healthy workplace. Other protective measures that ensure worker safety include the Business Plan Hazardous Materials Inventories; the Air Toxics Program; CalSites Database, Unidocs Hazardous Materials Online Inventory Database; and the Wastewater Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Plans. Employers must also inform their employees of the availability of material safety data sheets (MSDS) relating to any chemical to which the employee may be exposed. Further, employers routinely undergo Division of Occupational Safety and Health inspections to ensure that MSDS documents are available for employees.

Assembly Bill 816 imposes an unreasonable, labor intensive and duplicative reporting requirement when there are existing programs and standards in place to ensure that employees are protected from hazardous chemical exposure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger